

Docket No. 290237US0PCT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

Hiroshi YAGUCHI, et al. :

EXAMINER: FOGARTY, CAITLIN ANNE

SERIAL NO.: 10/579,798 :

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1793

FOR: LOW CARBON COMPOSITE FREE-CUTTING STEEL  
PRODUCT EXCELLENT IN ROUGHNESS OF FINISHED  
SURFACE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

Further in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.